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PSC SETS HEARING SCHEDULE IN PROPOSED RULE ON INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEM REPLACEMENT SURCHARGES FOR NATURAL GAS COMPANIES

Jefferson City (November 7, 2003)---The Missouri Public Service Commission will conduct a public hearing on **December 10, 2003**, to receive comment on a proposed rule establishing procedures regarding an infrastructure system replacement surcharge for natural gas companies under Commission jurisdiction.

Under state legislation enacted in 2003 (HB 208), natural gas companies can seek to establish an infrastructure system replacement surcharge on customer bills to reflect costs associated with infrastructure improvements. Under the law, the Commission must act on a request filed by a natural gas company within 120 days of the filing. Surcharges permitted by the new law go into effect outside of a general rate increase case, and are added to currently authorized utility rates.

The public hearing will begin at 10:00 am on December 10, 2003, in the Commission's offices located in the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, in Jefferson City. The Governor Office Building is a facility that meets accessibility standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act. If any person needs additional accommodations to participate in this hearing, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.

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